

DOI Working Group for International Repatriation of Native American Cultural Heritage

Within DOI, the Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs (AS/IA) and the Office of International Affairs (OIA) coordinate a Department-wide working group to assist Tribes upon request and to develop options for administrative action that could improve federal efforts in this area. The working group includes law enforcement authorities in the land management bureaus; expertise on federal cultural resources law, Indian law and wildlife law (often relevant because eagle feathers and other wildlife parts may be part of the cultural items); international expertise to help coordinate with foreign governments and the Department of State; and programs that can address the needs of the Native Hawaiian Community and other indigenous peoples.

In addition to responding to requests, in September 2016, DOI launched federal government-to-government consultations with Tribes to explore how to improve federal efforts in support of repatriation. DOI and interagency partners will continue to identify ways to obtain input from, and conduct outreach to, federally recognized Indian tribes and other stakeholders. DOI typically takes the lead in outreach to Tribes and the Native Hawaiian Community, and is a lead source of expertise on key cultural heritage laws such as NAGPRA and the Archaeological Resources Protection Act (ARPA), programs to implement those laws, and federal responsibilities to Tribes.

Attached is a list of relevant offices within DOI describing roles, responsibilities and points of contact. The DOI working group serves to share information and as an informal forum to develop and review proposed actions and decisions, communicating by email, conference calls and in-person meetings as needed. As a group, the DOI members operate primarily through email communications. Different combinations of members coordinate in response to specific requests or issues on a frequent and hoc basis. AS/IA and OIA convene the full group as needed.

DOI Internal Working Group Members

Co-chairs:

- Office of International Affairs
- Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs

Other Members:

- Office of Native Hawaiian Relations
- Office of the Solicitor (SOL), Division of Indian Affairs
- SOL, Division of Parks and Wildlife
- Fish and Wildlife Service (FWS), Office of Law Enforcement
- Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA), Office of Justice Services
- Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Trust Services, Division of Environmental and Cultural Resources Management, Museum and NAGPRA Program
- National Park Service (NPS), National NAGPRA Program
- National Park Service, Tribal Relations and American Cultures Program
- National Park Service, Division of Law Enforcement, Security, and Emergency Services

Bureau of Land Management (BLM), Cultural, Paleontological Resources & Tribal Consultation
 Bureau of Land Management, Office of Law Enforcement
 Indian Arts and Crafts Board

DOI Key Points of Contact for Inquiries from Tribes or the Public

<i>Office/Program</i>	<i>Role</i>	<i>Contacts</i>
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Indian Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOI Working Group Co-Chair • First point of contact for Tribal requests related to international repatriation 	<i>TBD</i>
Office of International Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOI Working Group Co-Chair • Alternate point of contact for international repatriation requests from Native American, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian Communities. • Provides international expertise to help coordinate with foreign governments and the Department of State 	<p>David Downes Chief, Policy Division (202) 208-3994 david_downes@ios.doi.gov</p> <p>Brooke Hobbie International Policy Specialist (202) 208-6316 brooke_hobbie@ios.doi.gov</p>
Office of Hawaiian Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOI Working Group Member • First Point of Contact for requests from Native Hawaiian Community 	<p>Kai'ini Kaloi Director, Office of Hawaiian Relations (202) 208-7462 Kaiini_Kaloi@ios.doi.gov</p>
National Park Service, National NAGPRA Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOI Working Group Member • Provides expertise on U.S. domestic repatriation law, experience and lessons learned 	<p>Melanie O'Brien Manager, National NAGPRA Program (202) 354-2204 melanie_o'brien@nps.gov</p> <p>David Tarler Training, Compliance, and Regulations Committee Program Officer (202) 354-2108</p>

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National Park Service, Tribal Relations and American Cultures Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOI Working Group Member • Provides expertise on American Indian, Alaska Native, and Native Hawaiian cultures and Federal laws and programs to assist Tribes with cultural and historic preservation. 	Joe Watkins, American Indian Liaison, Chief, Tribal Relations & American Cultures; and Supervisory Cultural Anthropologist (202) 354-2126 joe_watkins@nps.gov
National Park Service, Division of Law Enforcement, Security, and Emergency Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for enforcement of cultural resource laws in National Parks. 	Charles Cuvelier, Chief, Division of Law Enforcement, Security, and Emergency Services (202) 513-7084 charles_cuvelier@nps.gov
Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Investigates violations of the Indian Arts and Crafts Act; has expertise regarding Native American art markets • Responsible for enforcing cultural resource protections on FWS-managed lands • Responsible for enforcing wildlife protection laws, including laws governing trade in endangered species, including animal parts that may be incorporated into cultural items. 	William Woody, Assistant Director for Law Enforcement for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service (202) 208-3809 william_c_woody@fws.gov Paul Beiriger, Special Agent in Charge, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service, Office of Law Enforcement (703) 358-2075 paul_beiriger@fws.gov
Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Justice Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for enforcement of cultural resource laws on Indian lands. 	Darren Cruzan, Deputy Director, Office of Justice Services, Bureau of Indian Affairs (202) 208-5787 darren.cruzan@bia.gov

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<p>Bureau of Indian Affairs, Office of Trust Services, Division of Environmental and Cultural Resources Management, NAGPRA and ARPA Programs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOI Working Group Member • Coordinates NAGPRA matters in the BIA 	<p>Annie Pardo, Museum Program Manager, NAGPRA Coordinator (703) 390 6343 anna.pardo@bia.gov</p> <p>Terry McClung Archaeologist, ARPA Coordinator 202-208-5474 terry.mcclung@bia.gov</p>
<p>Bureau of Land Management, Office of Law Enforcement</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Responsible for enforcement of cultural resource laws on BLM public lands 	<p>Paul Mastando Chief, Policy Division Office of Law Enforcement Bureau of Land Management (202) 912-7588 pmastando@blm.gov</p>
<p>Bureau of Land Management, Cultural, Paleontological Resources and Tribal Consultation</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DOI Working Group Member • Responsible for cultural resources associated with BLM public lands, including museum collections and NAGPRA repatriation. • Experience in archaeological site damage assessments, locating collections in museums, and researching Antiquities Act and ARPA permitting activities. 	<p>Emily Palus Deputy Division Chief Cultural, Paleontological Resources and Tribal Consultation Bureau of Land Management, (202) 912-7242 epalus@blm.gov</p>